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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 23, 2006

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 23, 2006, applicants request that the following amendments to the claims be entered and the remarks considered by the Examiner. The applicants understand that entry of the proposed amendments to the claims is at the discretion of the Examiner. It is believed that the proposed amendments to the two claims remaining in this application present allowable subject matter that will not require further search by the Examiner.

The amendments to the two claims herein were not earlier presented as the immediately prior claims in this application were believed by the applicants to not be anticipated by the patent of Scott, et al discussed below. In the Final Office Action a